

SIR OLIVER LODGE LECTURES TO 3,200

Great Welcome for British
Deliver Into Reality of the
Unseen Spheres.

ALL NOW IN ETERNITY

Regrets "Raymond" Is Absent,
But Messages From Spirit
World Came Later.

It is a tribute to the position of Sir Oliver Lodge as a scientist, to his sincerity and to his gift for putting abstract thought into simple, glowing words that a great audience which heard his first New York lecture yesterday was steadily attentive during the full hour and a half although the speaker did not release a syllable as to the personal experiments and experiences which persuaded him that the dead communicate with the living.

This was, as Sir Oliver said, an introductory lecture. He called it "The Reality of the Unseen." The burden of it was, "The fact that you cannot see a thing does not prove it isn't there." He was laying the foundation for his second lecture, "The Evidence for Survival," in which he hopes of both believers and sceptics will be realized by a summary of the researches which have convinced the visitor from England that human survival beyond the grave is capable of scientific proof.

All of the 3,200 seats in Carnegie Hall were sold in advance and many were turned away who could not even get standing room. The audience was not at all freakish. Most of the countenances manifested the possession of at least a reasonable share of intelligence. Probably two-thirds of the persons in the hall were women, of whom a noticeable number were the garb of mourning. Here and there was a man who could have followed Sir Oliver had the speech been in Latin. It seemed that his command of the English language means the least interested in his views, heretofore though they may have appeared to some of the brethren.

Wanted to Hear of "Raymond."

Although, as has been said, the attention of the assembly did not flax, it was obvious that a good many persons mistakenly expected that Sir Oliver Lodge would be more explicit on this occasion, would relate some of the circumstances which caused him to write "Raymond," for instance, would tell about mediums through whom his messages have come, and why he accepted the messages as genuine.

Readers of "Raymond" are familiar with all this, but even they, it seems, expect Sir Oliver to tell the story again when he takes the platform.

It was apparent that the most deeply touched of the audience was the majority of the audience when he spoke of his own faith in what he called "the happiness beyond the veil." By the handclapping which followed a few minutes of his observations thought Sir Oliver might be enticed to put his misty picture of the "other life" into black and white, but he did not deviate from the course of the lecture as usual. He said, "I devoted myself to a lucid, logical presentation of his subject, pending proof, as the lawyers say."

He was interrupted by Dr. S. McClellan, who spoke as the greatest honor of his life. Without straining, Sir Oliver's voice seemed to reach the topmost gallery. He held a paper of notes, and some references to the lecture, and he made accurate his quotations from Wordsworth, Tennyson and Sir Francis Thompson.

The unseen, he said, meant the unseen. He quoted St. Paul: "For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal," which affirmation, he said, expressed the thought he wanted to drive home by illustration.

In No Fear of Hostile Critics.

"I am quite prepared to arouse hostility when necessary," Sir Oliver remarked; "when I feel that I have the right." He began his lecture with the "between appearance, which appeals to the sense, and reality, which is for the mind to discover." At this point he looked down at a woman in the front row who was turning herself into a programme and said "Would you mind not waving that programme?" The paper stopped oscillating and the speaker went on.

In this matter of reality as opposed to appearance he subjected to many illustrations. He spoke of the belief of the ancients of the flatness of the earth, of the incredibility of the modern theories of science, of the overwhelming revelations of the midnight sky to the modern mind.

It was almost beyond human comprehension, he said, that the light from the constellation Orion required 400 years to reach the earth, yet such was the fact. "Is it to be supposed that we see all that exists?" he asked. "I think it probable that the higher intellects of the world would say, how miserably inadequate our conception of things. Huxley said that we amid the grandeur of the world know as much about it as a worm on a flower petal knows of the world." He was able to know about the life of the great city.

Sir Oliver describes the ether which brings us light as a "perfect substance." He believed it to be the most important thing in the material universe, and that of it matter was made. Speaking again of appearance being deceptive, he rapped on the reading desk on the stage and said, "This speaker is the ether, and he (waving his other hand in the air) emptiness, yet the reality is just the other way about."

He prodded gently Albert Einstein, when the theory of gravitation is now much discussed, when he said: "In these days of Einstein it is legitimate to doubt the ether. I believe he and his associates do not deny its existence, but ignore it. However, I believe that fifteen or twenty years they will come around to the view that they can't altogether dispense with it."

Work of Gorgias an Example.

Sir Oliver argued that the reality of everything was the mind of man. A dog at a concert heard no music, physically considered, was only black marks on a piece of paper; Gorgias eliminated yellow fever from the Canal Zone, making positive the canal, by looking at the work now we saw only the canal.

He touched on the nature of atomic energy, which he is to discuss in a later lecture. He said: "Every atom is in a creature of law and order, and the parts of atoms revolve in regular orbits as do the planets around the sun. This is an amazing discovery of the last few years. It shows there is one designing Mind throughout, one Spirit governing the whole universe. We live among the most extraordinary revelations and pay no attention to them. We ought sometimes to stand on the heights and get the view beyond. That is my message to-day: let us all lift our heads and perceive the reality of the unseen."

"Don't believe the men who say there is only one body and no soul," he said later. "They have no ground for saying it. If a man makes a positive state-

ment he probably is worth hearing; if he only denies something he probably is not. The invisible part is the real and permanent part. The mind dominates and the soul wields the body, and it is not limited to that body."

"The link between mind and matter is at present unknown, but do not doubt that the soul will survive the body. The body wears out. There is no reason why the soul should wear out. It seems to me, but it is not necessary. All real things persist, all animal and vegetable life. Life incarnates itself in one form and then another. I think if we have no individuality of mind or character we must be open, as part of the indefinite body of life, like a vegetable."

This last sentence Sir Oliver spoke parenthetically, as if he were musing. Continuing he said: "When we quit this world, we go into the world as we call it, we take nothing but ourselves. We are wedded to our lives for all eternity. There is no separating our minds and characters from ourselves. What a terrible thing that will be for some persons!"

One Family in Two Worlds.

Sir Oliver spoke of the people in the two worlds as "all one family," separated by a partition. But this partition was not real. In this world we are in another region, yet far away. "There is no grief on the other side. There is an apparent chasm, but love bridges it. The other life, I think, is around us, but screened from us. If our minds were open, as part of the visionaries are, to the glories beyond we could hardly attend to our work, hence we are mercifully screened."

At times the highest communications with the spirit world come in messages. This is a spiritual universe; this is the foundation of true religion. Communion of saints, we are finding, is reality. I speak of the word to come. I don't know where it is, but it is undoubtedly realized by a summary of the researches which have convinced the visitor from England that human survival beyond the grave is capable of scientific proof.

We are helped in our struggle here by those who have gone before us. We know what we are doing. They are doing their jobs and keenly desire that we do ours, and that we do not lament them. We are separated only by a veil of the senses.

Sir Oliver praised highly the astronomer of America. He said they had made astronomy the science of America. He said that the science of Germany, and that "we on the other side are sitting at the feet of America."

GIRL CATCHES MEN

WHO STRUCK FATHER

Chases Would-be Thieves

Nearly a Mile.

Two men who knocked George Gerhardt unconscious in his grocery store, East 141st street, The Bronx, last night, were captured and chased nearly a mile through the streets, over several roofs and into a cellar, by Eugene, sixteen-year-old daughter of the grocer, who was aided by a neighbor, over his cash drawer the two men fled. At that moment the girl entered the store.

The intruders ran through 141st street to Southern Boulevard, then eight blocks to 142nd street. Turning into Union avenue, they entered a house at 525 Union avenue and emerged upon the roof. Eugene continued after them until they went through a roof door at 529 Union avenue and descended to the cellar, where they were cornered by Police-men James Norton and Eugene Sullivan.

Gerhardt was taken to Lincoln Hospital and was said to be suffering from possible skull fracture. The captured men were charged with felonious assault and robbery. They gave the names of William Savidge, 30, and Frank Wilson, 19. The former was also charged with carrying a loaded revolver.

BOXING CONTESTS IN FINALS.

Women to Award Medals at Benedict Tournament Tomorrow.

Under the auspices of the National League for Women's Service the finals of an amateur boxing tournament will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the Central Opera House, 205 East 14th street. There will be a demonstration of professional boxing and medals will be awarded to amateurs.

The patronesses are Mrs. Edward McVicker, Miss Caraman Carroll, Miss Anne Morgan, Miss Frances Connel, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Pell, Miss Janet Flaherty, Miss Francis Rogers, Mrs. Lillian Fox, Miss Jean Roosevelt, Mrs. George Barton French, Mrs. Joseph H. Gorman, Mrs. W. Butler Dunn, Mrs. S. Whitman, Mrs. Adolf Ledenberg and Mrs. Casper Whitney.

The entertainment has been arranged for wounded soldiers who are now at the Fox Hills Hospital, Staten Island.

REAL SPRINGS IN PARNASSUS.

New Yorker Found Others Than Mythological Fountains.

Thaddeus Merriam, deputy chief engineer of the New York Water Supply, who went to Athens last August with W. E. Smith of this city to devise a plan for supplying the Greek capital with water, has arrived yesterday by the Commodore Pannofila, from Mediterranean ports.

Mr. Merriam found on Mount Parnassus an abundance of pure springs of water, and the classical mythologists found that inspired the Greek poets. He said the project that he had submitted to the Greek Government for bringing the water to the city, about thirty miles away, would cost about \$400,000. He estimated that it would take four years to finish the work and 3,000 laborers to be imported from Italy, would be required.

H. M. BLOSSOM LEFT \$33,210.

Playwright's Widow Is Sole Legatee of the Estate.

Henry M. Blossom, playwright, who died on March 22 last, left a total estate of \$33,210. An appraisal by the State Comptroller was filed yesterday in the Hall of Records. His widow, Marjorie Blossom, 40 West Fifty-seventh street, is sole legatee.

He had stocks valued at \$3,699; bonds, \$5,678; \$149 in cash, and the balance is the estimated value of his interest in various plays. The "Velvet Lady," "Mile Modiste," "Princess Pat," "Checkers," and "The Red Mill."

Dance Given by Legion Post.

A dance was given last night in the Sherry apartment of the Waldorf-Astoria by members of the First Reserve Squadron Post, American Legion, who served in the air force during the war. The dance committee included Dr. E. Carson Brown, Philip Carroll, Dr. Raymond Noyes and Douglas Campbell. The patronesses were Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Mrs. Reynold C. Bolling, Mrs. James E. Miller, Mrs. James W. Gorman, Mrs. Butler Dunn, Mrs. Frederick T. Blackman, Mrs. Abbott Low, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Ambrose Monell. About 200 persons were present.

Sims to Be U. of P. Orator.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, who commanded the American fleet in European waters during the war against Germany, was announced as the orator for the University of Pennsylvania's celebration of Washington's Birthday, to be observed this year on Saturday, February 21.

INTERBORO STOCK IS TERMED VELVET

Mayor Also Asserts That the
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AUDITOR COMBATS THIS

Hylan Contends Municipal
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Mayor Hylan attempted to show yesterday at the inquiry by the Board of Estimate into the affairs of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company to determine whether an increased subway fare shall be granted that the company's \$25,000,000 stock and \$210,000,000 bonds outstanding is "pure velvet" or approximately water, and that if the city had been operated by the city for the last fifteen years the city would have made \$65,000,000.

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WANTED IN CHICAGO; IS FOUND IN AFRICA

Blumson, Charged With
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Special Despatch to The Sun, Chicago, Jan. 22.—Herman J. Blumson, "Myrtle Miller" and the Cressus of rug pedlars, wanted for swindling banks of Chicago out of approximately \$600,000 by means of drafts supported by alleged fictitious bills of sale and forged bills of lading, has been located and is under surveillance to-day in his old home town of Johannesburg, South Africa, according to word to the State Attorney's office from the State Department in Washington.

The search for Blumson, who is 63 years old and who climbed from an illiterate rug pedlar to manufacturer and philanthropist, has been of international scope since he vanished here on August 19. He was president of the Star Cereal and Milling Company, a former president of the Jewish Educational Alliance and a former director of the State Comptroller's office. He was a member of the State Comptroller's office.

Immediately following the message from the State Department that Blumson had been trailed through Canada into South Africa, State's Attorney May Hoyne got into communication with the British consular office in Johannesburg to start negotiations with the British Government for Blumson's extradition to the United States.

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Herman Crouse, known as the burglar-policeman, was sent to Sing Sing for seven and a half to fourteen years yesterday, and Bonnie Sternberg, alleged to have been an accomplice in the \$18,000 robbery of the Park Bank, Starobin & Dubin's factory in Brooklyn last November, was arrested in Toronto.

Justice Kapper in Brooklyn in sentencing Sternberg, said that his fourteen years in the police force was a punishment for light sentence. "The only redeeming feature to me is that he isn't a native of the city upon whose police force he has disgraced."

Deputy Police Commissioner William J. Leahy was notified by telegram of Sternberg's arrest in Toronto, where Detective Frank A. Dougherty of the Brooklyn bureau went in search of him. Sternberg will fight extradition, it was said. Once before he was taken by the police, thought released shortly after his arrest. Tickets may be obtained for a "Carry-On" Club, 271 Madison avenue.

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Help Run Both National
Conventions.

NOTES OF THE THEATRES

English Rights of 'The Ruined Lady' Are Obtained by
C. B. Cochran.

It is not often that a theatrical organization goes so far out of its class as to become political, but Charles Dillingham has thrown the Hippodrome into the political whirl by offering the services of its uniformed staff, said to be the largest in the world, to look after the mob bent on nominating the favorite sons at the coming national convention.

The Hippodrome managing director points out in letters to the national committee of each party that the doorman, usher, pages, guards, guides, inspectors and waiters at the big house are in the main ex-service men, most of them non-coms, and that they have also been trained at the Hip to clear the building of its 5,000 patrons in three minutes to calm uneasiness, to stop panic and even to handle a refractory Presidential boom. If this staff is used while the Hippodrome is closed for the season, the usual charity organization chosen for political expediency, Mr. Dillingham firmly believes that the nominating of candidates will require less than the usual amount of police force.

C. B. Cochran, London theatrical manager, saw Grace George's opening performance in "The Ruined Lady" in the playhouse on Monday and immediately offered for the English rights to the play. He has arranged that when "The Ruined Lady" leaves to London Miss George will keep it company.

"The Light of the World," which is now being staged at the Lyric Theatre, and Morris Gest in the Lyric Theatre, will start on Monday next to brighten up the Manhattan Opera House, where "The Light of the World" has been staged in a successful manner. The record of the production over the movies, for D. W. Griffith has already bid for its film rights, which the producers value at well more money than one typewriter can really state.

Harry Beresford, who fitted from here in "Boys Will Be Boys," has been ordered by Henry W. Savage to file back in the principal role in "Shavings" when the Joseph C. Lincoln comedy spills into New York.

The management of "The Passion Flower" announces that since the play in which Nance O'Neil is now registered for the run in the Lyric Theatre has had its title registered in the Bureau of Copyrights at Washington, the name will remain as is, Brandon Tynan and the whole cast, including Nance O'Neil, will be to the contrary notwithstanding.

Williams and Wolpin in the new act just added to the "Midnight Whirl" on the Century Roof accounted for a number of screams from the ladies. Then everybody rushed over to watch Sam Moore play a hand saw like a violin, accompanied by Anna Maria di Mita, juvenile harpist, and to expend a few screams on them.

Ralph Riggs and Katherine Witche, dancing in "The Passing Show of 1919" in the Winter Garden, have just received from their ranch in Allen, Mont., a box of home-made goods, including raisin bread, pounds of home-made fudge and two dozen jars of preserves, because their ranch manager saw in the papers that the high cost of living was here New Yorkers was starving.

GIRL LEADS CHASE

OF ALLEGED BANDITS

Two Identified as Holdup Men by Her Father.

Leading a crowd of a hundred persons, Anna Gerhardt, eighteen-year-old daughter of George Gerhardt, grocer, at 141st street, The Bronx, yesterday afternoon brought to the attention of the police two men who had been hiding in the cellar of her father's store. The men were identified by Gerhardt as the two men who had robbed her father's store and had been hiding in the cellar of her father's store. The men were identified by Gerhardt as the two men who had robbed her father's store and had been hiding in the cellar of her father's store.

RESCUED AT PALM BEACH.